Deteriorating situation of children

1238. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that children's education, health, nutrition and death rate are deteriorating in comparison to the other developing countries;

(b) if so, Government's views thereon and those who are responsible therefor;

(c) whether Government would like to control various children oriented Central Government's Schemes and programmes by making it responsible and accountable; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) The child indicators in India are not very encouraging in comparison to other developing countries as per the State of the World's Children Report of UNICEF for 2005. However, India has made steady progress in certain areas during last ten years. As per national Family Health Survey of 1992-93 and 1998-99 the position is given in the enclosed Statement *(See* below).

(b) Larger child population and other social and economic factors influence the condition of children in our country. Efforts are being made by the Government to overcome the difficulties and improve the overall status of the children through its schemes and programmes for children.

(c) and (d) Various schemes and programmes are being implemented by Government to address different issues relating to children, such as, health, education, nutrition, immunization, early childhood development, protection from exploitation, etc. The schemes and programmes include Sarv Shiksha Abhiyan, Integrated Child Development Services, Reproductive and Child Health, Accelerated Rural Drinking Water Supply Programme, Central Rural Sanitation Programme, Pulse Polio, Integrated Programme for Street Children, Integrated Programme for Juvenile Justice, Scheme for elimination of child labour, and others.

The Government has prepared a National Plan of Action for Children 2005 which contain the goals, objectives and strategies pertaining to children. The concerned Ministries and Departments and all States/UTs

have been asked to implement the provisions of the Plan in order to achieve its targets with special focus on monitoring and outcomes.

Statement

Situation of children in India

Child Indicators	1992-93	1998-1999
Infant Mortality Rate	80 per 1000 live births	68 per 1000 live births
Girls in the age group of 6-14 years attending school	59%	74%
Boys in the age group of 6-14 years attending school	75.5%	84%
Under-weight prevalence in under-five children	53.4%	47%
Stunting prevalence	52%	45.5%
Wasting prevalence	17.5%	15.5%
Low birth weight below 2.5 kg	30%	22.7%

Source: NFHS I & II

Satat Shiksha Karyakram In Uttaranchal

1239. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts in Uttaranchal where Satat Shiksha Karyakram has been started;

(b) the timeframe for sanctioning the second instalment and the criteria therefor; and

(c) the districts for which the second instalment has been released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) In Uttaranchal, Satat Shiksha Karyakram has been sanctioned for 9 districts so far.